

Department of Planning and Budget
2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB362

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Blevins

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Virginia War Memorial Foundation; possession of certain military medal

5. Summary/Purpose: This proposal requires that the Virginia War Memorial Foundation take possession of military medals, ribbons, and certificates belonging to unknown persons when such awards come into the possession of the Commonwealth until such time as the true owner takes possession of them. The proposal also directs the Virginia War Memorial Foundation to take reasonable efforts, within its resource limitations, to determine the true owners of those military awards and return those awards to them.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This proposal should have no fiscal implications for the Commonwealth or the Virginia War Memorial Foundation. Given that the engrossed legislation explicitly acknowledges that the Foundation may have resource limitations, it does not appear the foundation would have to actively locate the owners of the military awards placed in its possession. Consequently, this proposal should create only minimal costs, such as those associated with record keeping and storage. The Virginia War Memorial's staff believe they currently have adequate space to store any such awards they might receive until their rightful owners claim them.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The Virginia War Memorial Foundation.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration